

Vote for Walter Hofheinz in the March 12 Democratic primary!

Early voting begins February 25.



Courage to tell the truth.

- **We have a government run like Enron, pirated for the benefit of a select few**—people who run very large businesses and the extremely rich—who have consistently fought for tax and spending policies that make the very wealthy wealthier and the middle class and poor poorer—a sure recipe for disaster.
- **We have a national fiscal policy that is simply delusional:** under the president's budget proposal the national debt grows from approximately \$5.77 trillion today to \$7.88 trillion in five years—another sure formula for long-term disaster.
- **We have an extremely dysfunctional health care system** that not only denies access to a substantial part of the American population, but is not-so-gradually pricing itself out of the reach of even upper-middle-class folks. (The average annual cost of health insurance is projected to rise from \$7,000 to \$10,000 over the next four years!)
- **We frequently view our government as a "them" to be disdained,** rather than as our joint action as citizens to make the lives of all people better.
- **We have a government that would ignore the fundamental freedoms assured in the Bill of Rights** in the interest of expediency.

The problems we must solve are systemic and interrelated. We cannot simply keep applying patches to the roof, and hope to avoid all the leaks. Piecemeal, expedient solutions are just not sufficient; we must have principled, comprehensive, coherent and responsible solutions to ensure compassion and justice for all Americans.

Compassion to use government appropriately to assure the greater benefit of all.

- All those without the capacity to provide for themselves, whether by reason of youth, disability, or old age should **live with dignity and free from want.**
- All those who seek **education** should be able to obtain it **without incurring crushing economic burdens.**
- All those who **work should be fairly compensated with a living wage.**
- **Adequate medical care** should be available to all at an affordable cost.

Justice affirming equality under the law and socially just access to opportunity.

- **Respect fundamental freedoms** including the individual's right to privacy and personal choice in all areas of life without governmental intrusion.
- **Implement sound fiscal policies** to ensure the long-term stability of Social Security and other programs.
- **Protect a high standard of living for all workers, our environment, and strategic needs** through fair international trade agreements.
- **Taxes that fairly impose the burden** of paying for those things that we, as a society, deem important
- Fiscal responsibility and environmental policy to create **a world we'll be proud to leave to our grandchildren.**

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Speaking for courage, compassion and justice

A little about Walter...

While I think that the problems we face, our objectives as we solve those problems, and the principles by which those objectives are determined are most important, you may like to know more about my background.

I was born in Dallas, and grew up in Abilene after stints in other places while my father Walter C. Hofheinz, a United Methodist minister, was completing his doctoral work in preparation for a college teaching career. The Lakewood area of Dallas was a second home, since my grandparents lived here—my maternal grandfather was Dr. Lewis N. Stuckey, longtime pastor of Tyler Street United Methodist Church and author of the lyrics to the SMU song *Varsity*, my grandmother Louise Stuckey taught music at Sunset High School for many years, and my paternal grandfather owned and operated Hofheinz Monument Works.

I attended McMurry University in Abilene (BA 1979) where my father taught, and the University of Texas School of Law (JD 1979), and was admitted to the bar in Texas in 1979. I am Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and emphasize that area in my practice. After law school, I



practiced in Fort Worth and San Antonio, then returned to Abilene to establish my own firm. I moved to Dallas in 1990. From 1991 through 1997 I was an associate professor of law at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, while maintaining a limited consulting legal practice, and returned to private practice full-time in 1997.

I have developed commercial software and have substantial technical competence in web and database-related programming. I have spoken and published on numerous estate planning and computer related topics. A complete vita is on my website.

Although my political activities go back to the latter campaigns of Ralph Yarborough and continued through my departure from Abilene, I took a break while raising my three older children. The youngest living with me has now reached 15, and I made the opportunity, once again, to address problems that will affect me, my children and grandchildren, as well as you and yours.

Join me in speaking for the courage to show up, pay attention, and tell the truth, and for the compassion to act together to create a just society; together we can make a better world for our grandchildren.

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